

State of Michigan  
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Ottawa-Kent (OK) Conference Gender Equity Athletic Committee

WHEREAS, the OK Conference Gender Equity Committee, consisting of representatives of conference school districts, the Kent ISD, and Communities for Equity, is committed to the concept of “fair play” for both genders in all aspects of athletic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the OK Conference Gender Equity Committee embraces the rules and regulations as required by the United States Department of Justice and the Office of Civil Rights in terms of providing athletic equity for all participants in Michigan’s high school athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, the OK Conference Gender Equity Committee, recent past and present members, with the support of former Kent ISD Superintendent Mike Weiler, current Superintendent, Kevin Konarska, and Assistant Superintendent, Ron Koehler, as well as the Kent ISD member district superintendents, recognize the importance of Annual Equity Disclosure reports originally conducted by Communities For Equity with the assistance of Kent ISD; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the legal requirements of every school district to accommodate the interests and abilities of their high school athletes, the OK Conference Gender Equity Committee provided leadership and direction for all OK Conference members by creating reporting requirements, documentation, and activity calendars beginning in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the creation and implementation of the first-ever Gender Equity Compliance Audit, Year 2007-2008, within the State of Michigan by members of the OK Conference Athletic Committee and district volunteers stands as recognition of the commitment toward athletic equity that defines the OK Conference athletic program; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the OK Conference Gender Equity Athletic Committee members is to provide athletic equity in all schools within their Conference and, thereby, create a legacy of equitable support in every aspect of high school athletics to be upheld by all districts as required by law and by genuine concern for fairness to all children of OK Conference schools; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education recognize the leadership of the OK Conference Gender Equity Committee for its commitment to equal opportunity for all students, and the leadership provided for OK Conference members and school districts across Michigan in documenting and verifying equitable athletic opportunities and participation.



Adopted September 9, 2008

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Kathleen N. Straus, President

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Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction